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NEW DELHI FOR NEWSOM

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: MNUC, PEPR, PK, FR, US
SUBJECT: PAKISTAN REPROCESSING

REF: A. STATE 17366; B. PARIS 21843; C. TEHRAN 6529

1. IN LIGHT OF REFTELS, WE NOW RECOMMEND THAT NEWSOM TAKE OPPORTUNITY OF 20-HOUR OVERLAP WITH JACOMET IN ISLAMABAD TO SEEK MEETING WITH HIM. PURPOSE WOULD BE TO TRY TO STIMULATE JACOMET TO GO THE WHOLE WAY AND USE HIS FALLBACK INSTRUCTIONS TO GIVE PAKS FIRM REFUSAL TO CARRY OUT CONTRACT.

2. FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH FROM OUR LIMITED PERSPECTIVE, WE AGREE WITH INR'S (AND GERRY SMITH'S) VIEW THAT FRENCH MAY INTEND TO SPIN OUT THE PROCESS FOR SOME TIME, HOPING TO SOFTEN GOP RETALIATION IN COMMERCIAL FIELDS. ALTHOUGH WE AGREE WITH NEA AND OTHERS THAT FRENCH WILL STICK TO THEIR WORD AND NOT COMPLETE THE PLANT, WE ARE NOT SANGUINE THEY WILL INFORM PAKS THIS INTENTION SOON AND UNEQUIVOCALLY. AS I HAVE SAID BEFORE, FRENCH AMB HERE

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STRONGLY DESIRES SUCH DELAY.

3. WHILE WE DON'T KNOW WHAT JACOMET'S REAL INSTRUCTIONS ARE, HOPEFULLY HE HAS SOME DISCRETIONARY AUTHORITY TO MOVE TOWARD FINAL AND UNEQUIVOCAL CANCELLATION. A MEETING WITH NEWSOM, WHICH I RECOMMEND WE ACTIVELY SEEK, WOULD GIVE NEWSOM A CHANCE TO NUDGE JACOMET IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

4. FINALLY, IT WILL BE OBVIOUS FROM OUR PREVIOUS MESSAGES THAT WE THINK THERE IS VIRTUALLY NO CHANCE THAT GOP WILL ACQUIESCE IN DE FACTO CESSATION OF WORK UNDER THE CONTRACT (MUCH LESS BE WILLING TO MEET FRENCH DESIRE TO ACHIEVE CANCELLATION AT PAK INITIATIVE). FOR NEWSOM TO PUSH FOR THIS SOLUTION IS A USEFUL TACTIC, GIVEN LIKELY SEQUENCE OF EVENTS IN ISLAMABAD DURING THE NEXT WEEK, BUT NOBODY SHOULD BE UNDER ILLUSION THAT IT WILL SUCCEED.
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